

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Confirmation No.: 9925
Peter VISCONTI et al. Art Unit: 3767
Application No.: 10/759,360 Examiner: Elizabeth R. MOULTON
Filed: January 16, 2004 Attorney Docket No.: 029714.00027
For: DISPOSABLE SURGICAL SUCTION/IRRIGATION TRUMPET VALVE TUBE
CASSETTE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED WITH A REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Date: **July 2, 2009**

Sir:

Coupled with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination, Applicants request that, prior to initial examination, the above-identified application be **FURTHER** amended as shown below. This paper is in reply to the final Office Action dated March 5, 2009 and the Advisory Action dated June 2, 2009, the period for response being extended one month, from June 5, 2009 to July 5, 2009, with payment of the appropriate fees.

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